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Gen. Griffin: Important to support the Warfighter

General Benjamin S. Griffin, Army Materiel Command commanding general, spoke about the importance of supporting the Warfighter during the Non-Commissioned Officer Development Program Wednesday.

AMC exists to support the Warfighter, Griffin said, as 50 NCOs from Headquarters, AMC; Research, Development and Engineering Command; Security Assistance Command and the Army Research Lab gathered in AMC's War Room to listen to the general speak.

"Normally our NCODP's are geared toward the mission here," said Sgt. 1st Class Sabrena Carter-Coleman. "But (Gen. Griffin) informed us of the Warfighter and what AMC can do to make it better for the Warfighter fighting (overseas)."

Griffin emphasized that it is vitally important for people to communicate what needs to be improved and enhanced; and he stressed that people need to keep pace with these demands, as a way of keeping the Warfighter strong and fighting. He also talked about the importance of maintaining and improving equipment in a timely manner and that every activity should contribute to providing the tools to win the nation's conflicts. In addition, he mentioned how essential it is to have a quick turn-around time for equipment coming in and back for repairs such as the up-armored HMMWV and the M16 A-2 Rifle.

"I thought Gen. Griffin's philosophy was right on the mark," said Command Sgt Maj. Ty Walker II, AMC's command sergeant major. "We must continue to support and provide the Warfighter with every means to have a decisive edge on the enemy in the battlefield."

Griffin also offered his rules for success to for NCOs: Do your best. Treat everyone with respect and dignity, and do what is right-- legally, morally and ethically.

Helicopter crash claims life of former AMC Soldier

A former Red River Army Depot Soldier died in a Black Hawk helicopter crash in central Texas Nov. 29. Chief Warrant Officer 5 Douglas V. Clapp served at the depot July 2000 until the summer of 2001, and continued his relationship with the depot while a senior automotive maintenance officer in the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

"This is more than a tragic loss of a great Soldier for the Army. Clapp was one of AMC's own," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ty Walker II, AMC command sergeant major. "After Red River he went back to Fort Hood, but he was always an enthusiastic supporter of what the people at AMC are doing for the Warfighter, and he continued to tell our story until the day he died."

Clapp and six other Soldiers on the helicopter, including Brig. Gen. Charles B. Allen, assistant division commander (support) of the 4th ID, were on their way from Fort Hood to Red River to observe repair operations on 224 of the unit's HMMWVs.

"The first day Chief Clapp set foot at RRAD, he became a valued member of the Red River team. He had a sincere belief that what we do as a depot is of value," said Dennis Lewis, chief of RRAD's Integrated Business Management Office, who spoke to Clapp just days before the accident.

"He (Clapp) was among a select group of young non-commissioned officers who first taught me what it was to be a Soldier – the responsibility of service to a nation as a member of the brotherhood of arms, and most of all, what it took to lead Soldiers," said Col. Michael B. Cervone, RRAD commander, who had met Clapp many years earlier as an NCO.

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